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## VIA REGULAR MAIL & E-MAIL (Thomas S. Morrison@uscg.mil)

Mr. Thomas S. Morrison  
Chief, Claims Division  
National Pollution Fund Center  
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Re: DEEPWATER HORIZON  
Your FPN: N10036  
Our File: 00000964 JAVN/TLS

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Further to our conversation this morning, we confirm that on April 29, 2010, Transocean Holdings LLC, misidentified in your letter as Transocean Holdings, Inc. ("Transocean") received your letter of April 28, 2010 advising that Transocean had been designated a Responsible Party under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. §§ 2701 *et seq.* ("OPA"), in connection with discharge of oil after the explosion and fire aboard the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit ("MODU") DEEPWATER HORIZON that occurred approximately 45 miles offshore from Louisiana on the Mississippi Canyon Block 252 in the Gulf of Mexico.

Transocean is cooperating with the Coast Guard and will continue to do so. Transocean understands that BP received a similar notification letter and is in communication with BP concerning the required advertisement of the claims process to be established under OPA. More details about the advertising will be provided in due course.

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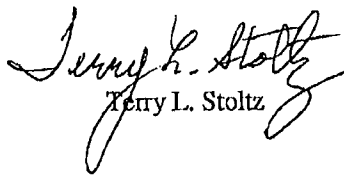
OPA designates Transocean, as the owner of the MODU DEEPWATER HORIZON, as a responsible party for any oil discharge that occurs on or above the surface of the water. 33 U.S.C. § 2704(b). However, your letter also references "ongoing discharges from the well head" which are occurring nearly a mile under the surface of the water. To the extent your letter of April 28, 2010 is intended to designate Transocean as a responsible party for any underwater discharges of oil from the well head, Transocean denies your designation of it as the responsible party. Furthermore, while Transocean will continue to fulfill all of its obligations as a designated Responsible Party under OPA, it reserves all of its rights and defenses under OPA.

If you have any questions or require any additional assistance from Transocean, please contact John A.V. Nicoletti or the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

NICOLETTI HORNIG & SWEENEY

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